Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) released the following statement after a tornado hit Joplin, Missouri and left at least 89 people dead:

"My thoughts and prayers go out to all the victims and their families and to everyone in Joplin who was impacted by yesterday's tornado. We've seen too many tragic storms already this year and the scenes of devastation are all too familiar to lowans who experienced the most powerful tornado in the United States in 2008. To those that have lost their loved ones, please know that our hearts are with you at this time."